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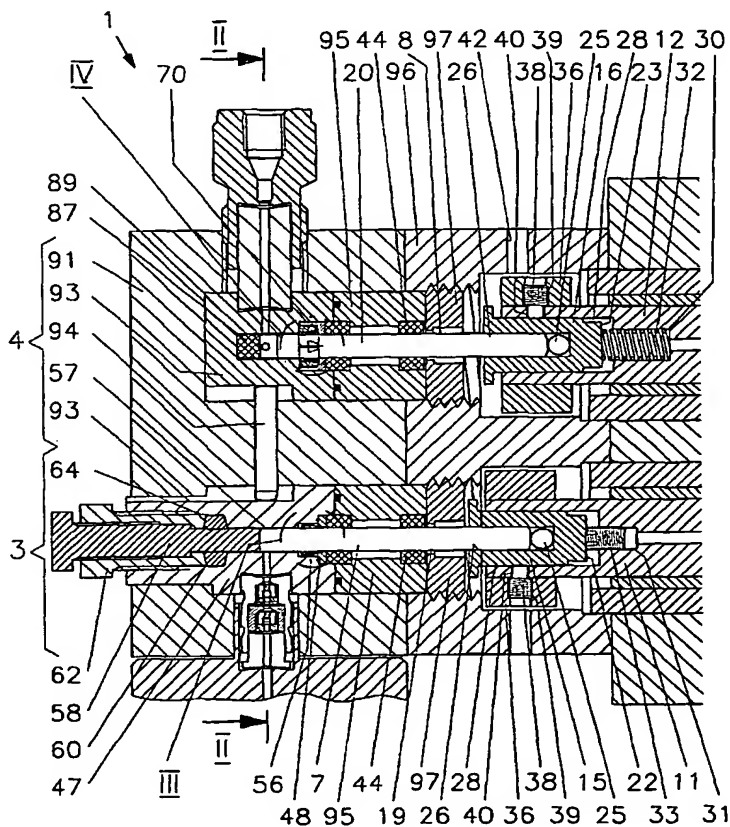
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(54) Title: HIGH-PRESSURE SMALL VOLUME PUMP



(57) Abstract: An improved high-pressure pump (1) for an accurate, largely pulsation-free flow of the working medium, more particularly an HPLC pump, includes one or a plurality of the following measures: reduced dead space due to adapted seals (48, 70); reduced dead space thanks to a device (15, 16; 32; 36, 38) for adjusting the length of the displacement piston; adjustable dead space and therefore adjusting capability of the pulsation freedom through a displacement chamber provided with an adjustable opposed piston (58); and seals compensating construction tolerances by a combination of a cambered sealing surface and a conical sealing surface.



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